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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the creation of a business advisory council to provide
1-20 advice on economic recovery following a disaster.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 418.054 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 418.054. BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) In this
1-25 section, "advisory council" means the business advisory council
1-26 established under this section.

1-27 (b) The business advisory council is established to provide
1-28 advice and expertise on actions state and local governments can
1-29 take to assist businesses in recovering from a disaster.

1-30 (c) The advisory council is composed of 12 members who
1-31 represent business in this state appointed as follows:

1-32 (1) four members appointed by the governor;

1-33 (2) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor;
1-34 and

1-35 (3) four members appointed by the speaker of the house
1-36 of representatives.

1-37 (d) Members of the advisory council serve staggered
1-38 four-year terms.

1-39 (e) An advisory council member is not entitled to
1-40 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses
1-41 incurred by the member while conducting the business of the
1-42 advisory council.

1-43 (f) The advisory council members shall elect a presiding
1-44 officer from among the members.

1-45 (g) The advisory council shall:

1-46 (1) advise the division on policies, rules, and
1-47 program operations to assist businesses in recovering from a
1-48 disaster; and

1-49 (2) propose solutions to address inefficiencies or
1-50 problems in the state or local governmental disaster response with
1-51 respect to impact on businesses and the economy.

1-52 (h) The advisory council shall meet at the times and
1-53 locations determined by the presiding officer, not to exceed four
1-54 meetings each year.

1-55 (i) Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year,
1-56 the advisory council shall submit a report on the advisory
1-57 council's activities, advice, and proposed solutions to the
1-58 division, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of
1-59 the house of representatives.

1-60 (j) The division shall provide administrative support to
1-61 the advisory council.

2-1 (k) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the advisory council.

2-2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-3 of this Act, the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
2-4 house of representatives shall appoint members to the business
2-5 advisory council, as required by Section 418.054, Government Code,
2-6 as added by this Act, as follows:

2-7 (1) the governor shall appoint two members to terms
2-8 expiring February 1, 2021, one member to a term expiring February 1,
2-9 2022, and one member to a term expiring February 1, 2023;

2-10 (2) the lieutenant governor shall appoint one member
2-11 to a term expiring February 1, 2021, two members to terms expiring
2-12 February 1, 2022, and one member to a term expiring February 1,
2-13 2023; and

2-14 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives shall
2-15 appoint one member to a term expiring February 1, 2021, one member
2-16 to a term expiring February 1, 2022, and two members to terms
2-17 expiring February 1, 2023.

2-18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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